

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated June 22, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments. We also enclose a Terminal Disclaimer linking the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,648,453.

Amendments

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to incorporate a paragraph that indicates the application is a "371 National Stage application".

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled and the invention has been re-cast in new claims 11-16.

We submit that the amendments do not add any new matter.

Claim Election

We acknowledge the election of claims 1-6 with traverse and the withdrawal of claims 7-10 from further consideration.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 11-16. New claims 11 – 16 have a different scope to those of claims 1-6 and therefore do not offend the provisions of 35U.S.C.§101. However, to avoid any unjust timewise extension of patent rights or harassment from multiple assignees, we enclose a Terminal Disclaimer linking the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,648,453.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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